

of an age-old scene in a modern setting. In the center of what may as well have been an abandoned field as a valuable city lot, as far as appearances went, stood the transplanted spruce—upright and proud as it ever was in the forest where it grew. All around it and over the whole plot of ground, to the sidewalks that encompassed it, lay a thick carpet of pine needles.

In the middle of its make-believe forest when it stood, just as its brothers stood in the early days of the church, when the evergreen was appropriated as the peculiar symbol of Christmas, and its rambling ceremonial The Christmas tree, it is needless to observe, is hoary with age as an institution, and gift with traditions coeval with Christianity itself.

Sharply contrasted with symbolic evergreen and the memories of Christianity's birth, which it evoked, stood all around the giant sentinels of modernity. On the east rose the massive bulk of the City Hall, every window lighted and crowded with eager faces, just beyond, against the skyline, gleamed the electric torches of the Virginia Railway and Power Company's building, and the flashing signs of two downtown hotels.

Hard by the very tree itself was mounted a motion-picture machine, which projected sacred words upon a curtain borrowed for the occasion from the Colonial Theatre. Behind the tree, a few feet from the gleaming curtains, was staked a powerful motor truck, upon which was seated Keesenich's band. The scene lacked only a goggled saint and a crowd of wild-eyed fanatics in an aeroplane, to complete the modern trimming of the ancient ceremony.

Other buildings with an outlook upon the forest joined in the celebration by maintaining open houses with all lights ablaze. The State Capitol—always sombre and shrouded at night—was lighted from basement to dome, and faces crowded every one of its north windows. Similar crowds of points of vantage in the windows of the Mechanics Institute and the new police headquarters.

Easy for Police. A detail of policemen, which formed a blue cordon the length

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of the barrier found little to do. The behavior of the crowd was unexceptionable and there was an utter absence of roughness. Inside the large enclosure thirty-five firemen stood guard to prevent disorder.

Director Walter C. Mercer, in charge of the music, had issued 4,000 tickets of admission to school children, who were to sing in the choir. About half the number reported. The children were admitted at the Tenth Street entrance of the City Hall and passed from the building into the enclosure, where they were grouped on the north side of the tree.

Around the raised embankment, upon which the Christmas tree was mounted, stood a detachment from the Howitzer. The Capitol Street front of the enclosure was guarded by a company from the First Regiment, Virginia Vol-

unteers. A detail of Richmond Light Infantry Blues was drawn up on the Broad Street side of the lot. At the entrances and scattered through the crowd in the enclosure were Boy Scouts armed with their staffs.

No Gifts at Tree. There was no procession of gifts at the tree. This essential feature of the celebration was undertaken by the various social and charitable agencies of the city, and carried out apart from the public exercises.

The burden of supplying the needy with Christmas baskets and of caring for the children of the poor, whose stockings, except for their ministrations, would have remained empty, fell most heavily on the Associated Charities. Five committees from this organization, under the direction of Dr. James Buchanan, worked until shortly before midnight last night, supervising the delivery of stockings and baskets to the inhabitants of the city's poorer districts.

At a late hour Dr. Buchanan said that every needy white family in the city, not already provided for through some other agency, had been supplied with a bountiful Christmas basket. The work of supplying baskets to colored families, carried on all day, had not been completed, and will be resumed this morning.

Every colored school, said Dr. Buchanan, was yesterday supplied with enough stockings to take care of its needy list in this work, he said, colored schools themselves have this year performed valuable service. Several of the schools raised enough money to take care of their own needy list in this work, he said, colored schools themselves have this year performed valuable service. Several of the schools raised enough money to take care of their own needy list in this work, he said, colored schools themselves have this year performed valuable service.

Requests for stockings for white children, said Dr. Buchanan, have all been filled. It is possible, however, he thought, that some white children have been overlooked. These will be cheerfully supplied upon application this morning at the Associated Charities, 1102 East Franklin Street, between 9 and 11 o'clock. Any white family that has not received a basket will likewise be supplied upon application at the Associated Charities between the hours named.

"I want to praise especially the work of the Boy Scouts who gave us valuable aid today in distributing the supplies," said Dr. Buchanan last night. "They accompanied the two automobile trucks and four private automobiles that were in commission until late last night, and performed an important service."

"Special credit is due the committees that worked with us in seeing that there was no duplication, and that every needy family was supplied. The work of the co-ordinating committee was especially effective, and evidenced the wonderful value of co-operation."

The Salvation Army did its share to brighten the Christmas of the poor by distributing 600 baskets. It will continue the work today by presenting stockings to several hundred needy children. The local Elks sent out 400 baskets, following their annual Christmas practice.

Private contributions aided materially in simplifying the problem of caring for the city's poor. Many of these took the form of supplies sent direct to homes by better conditioned families, and of donations of various homes, asylums and retreats of the city.

Mrs. Louise Sage Dead. Hartford, Conn., December 23.—Mrs. Louise H. Sage, widely known among horsemen for her interest in harness racing, died at her home here to-day, aged eighty-two years.

The Weather.

Forecast: For Virginia—Rain Thursday; Friday fair and colder, increasing east wind.
For North Carolina—Rain Thursday; colder at night; Friday fair and colder, increasing east and southeast winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.
Normal temperature..... 41
Maximum temperature..... 44
Minimum temperature..... 39
P. M. temperature..... 39
Normal temperature..... 44
Excess in temperature..... 116
Excess in temperature since March 1..... 116
Accumulated excess in temperature since January 1..... 285
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1..... 1.56
Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1..... 4.04

Local Observations S. P. M. Yesterday.
Temperature..... 42
Humidity..... 42
Wind direction..... N. E.
Wind velocity..... 5
Weather..... Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.
Albany..... 41 48 36 Cloudy
Atlanta..... 42 49 42 P. cloudy
Boston..... 38 44 38 Clear
Buffalo..... 32 39 34 Clear
Calgary..... 38 48 32 P. cloudy
Charleston..... 51 66 54 Rain
Chicago..... 46 59 36 Clear
Denver..... 38 49 34 Clear
Detroit..... 31 39 24 Snow
Evansville..... 42 49 34 Cloudy
Hartford..... 32 39 34 Cloudy
Hayward..... 38 49 34 Clear
Jacksonville..... 42 49 34 Cloudy
New Orleans..... 44 48 38 Cloudy
New York..... 42 50 34 Clear
Oklahoma..... 32 39 34 Snow
Pittsburgh..... 38 44 38 Cloudy
St. Louis..... 36 44 34 Cloudy
St. Paul..... 24 36 18 Cloudy
San Francisco..... 56 68 50 Rain
Savannah..... 56 68 50 Rain
Spokane..... 32 39 34 Cloudy
Tampa..... 44 49 34 Cloudy
Washington..... 42 49 34 Cloudy
Wilmington..... 38 49 34 Clear
Wichita..... 46 52 34 P. cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
December 25, 1913.
HIGH TIDE: 7:21 P. M.
SUN RISES: 7:21 A. M.
SUN SETS: 4:55 P. M.
COLD CHASE: Headache and Grip.
DANVILLE: BROMO QUININE (tablets) recommended. It is only one BROMO QUININE. It has signature of Dr. W. GROVE on box. See-Adv.

EIGHTY PERSONS CRUSHED TO DEATH IN NEEDLESS PANIC

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many, not more than five years old, were soon deprived of fear with the snuffing out of their lives under the heels of the larger persons. One man was seen to stop to take up his little girl, only to be pushed with such force that he fell beneath his feet. A woman who ran to seize three small boys was seen to fall as she sought to shield them in her arms.

A search was begun to-night for the man who caused the panic. Some officers asserted that they had reason to believe that the man was a member of the Citizens' Alliance, recently organized in the mining field. This charge was quickly denied by alliance members, hundreds of whom were early on the scene aiding in the removal of bodies and attending the injured and bereaved. It was said that the man came up the stairs from a saloon below, and that his breath smelled strongly of alcohol. Many carried there and could be found. It is also feared that the distraught condition of mind under which many persons are laboring as a result of the disaster may renew open hostilities between members of the Miners' Union and the Citizens' Alliance.

The coroner began to-night to empanel a jury. Among the men killed in the hall was John P. Weston, secretary of the City and County Life Insurance Company in Calumet.

VETERAN KILLED BY STREET CAR

P. S. Puryear, about seventy years old, a Confederate veteran and an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, was fatally hurt yesterday afternoon at 5:35 o'clock when he was struck by a southbound Broad and Main Street car at Stuart Avenue and Robinson. A call was sent for the City Hospital ambulance and Dr. M. F. Terregrossa responded. He rendered emergency treatment and wanted to take the old soldier to a hospital, but the latter insisted upon being removed to the home. He was carried there and died at 7:30 o'clock last night. Corporal Taylor was notified, and he will probably conduct an inquest into the case to-morrow.

Mr. Puryear, it was said, passed beneath the trolley, which was stationary, and stepped directly before the path of the other trolley. He was knocked down before the motor-man could apply the brakes.

Negro Killed by Engine. An unidentified negro, apparently twenty-three years old, was killed instantly last night at 8:30 o'clock, when

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OBITUARY

Rev. A. H. Woodson. Rev. A. H. Woodson, D. D., for nineteen years pastor of Hampton Baptist Church, died at the home of his son in Atlanta yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock. His last charge in Virginia was at Waynesboro, and the interment will be made in Salem. Rev. Woodson was a brother-in-law of Rev. G. W. Williams of Richmond, and a brother of Mrs. A. M. Jones, also of this city.

Felix Sutton. Felix Sutton, eighty-five years old, died yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock at the home of Horatio S. Wright, 615 Virginia Avenue, Barton Heights. He leaves two sons, Mark Sutton and John Sutton, and one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Saunders.

Mrs. E. G. Hester. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Asheville, N. C., December 24.—Mrs. E. G. Hester, wife of the President of the Kentucky Development Company, died yesterday afternoon at the family home, Millard Cottage, in Edgemont Park. Mrs. Hester had been in ill health for several months, and the end was not unexpected. The members of her immediate family were at the bedside at the time of her death. She is survived by a husband and five children. The body was taken to Winston-Salem this morning for interment.

Mrs. Lucy Penn Lee. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Rocky Mount, Va., December 23.—Mrs. Lucy Penn Lee, aged ninety-six

DEATHS

EDWARDS.—Died, Wednesday, December 24, 1913, at 1 P. M., at the residence of her husband, 701 North Twenty-fourth Street, MARKTON EDWARDS, wife of W. A. Edwards, aged forty-five years. She leaves to mourn their loss husband and three daughters.
The funeral will take place from the above residence FRIDAY AFTERNOON, December 25, at 3 o'clock. Interment in Oakwood.

EPPEL.—Died, in Washington, D. C., December 22, 1913, at 4:46 P. M. MISS EMILY HOKNER EPPEL, after a long illness.
Funeral from St. John's Church, City Point, Va., at 2 P. M. FRIDAY, December 26. A special train for the friends of the family will leave Petersburg Friday at 1 P. M. No flowers.

STOUT.—Died, Wednesday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock, at 215 Virginia Avenue, Barton Heights, residence of Horace S. Wright, FELIX STOUT, aged eighty-five. He is survived by two sons and one daughter, Mark and John, and Mrs. Elsie Saunders. Funeral notice later.

PARTINGTON.—Died, at her residence, 50 West Marshall Street, at 11 A. M., December 24, 1913, MRS. MARGARET E. PARTINGTON, wife of Clarence H. Partington.
Funeral services from the home FRIDAY at 3 P. M. Interment in "viewing."

STOUT.—Died, at her residence, 1605 West Main Street, Tuesday night, December 23, 1913, at 9:25 o'clock, MISS SALLIE D. STOUT, in the fifty-fifth year of her age. She leaves, besides her husband, John H. Stout, four sons, William J., J. Edwin, Landrum D., and Charles H. Stout, and two daughters, Mrs. Richard McCallahan and Miss Louise Stout.
Funeral from residence THIS (Thursday) MORNING at 10:30 o'clock. Interment in Riverview Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

CHAISA.—In memory of my dear mother, MARY T. CHAISA, died fourteen years ago to-day.
Gone, but not forgotten.
Her daughter,
MRS. W. O. RANDLETT.

DICKMAN.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear wife, JOSEPHINE RASS DICKMAN, who departed this life three years ago to-day, December 25, 1910.

In the graveyard, gently sleeping,
Where the breezes love to wave,
Lies the one we love so dearly
In the cold and silent grave.
By her husband,
WALTER DANIEL DICKMAN.

MARRIAGES

PAGE-BURKE.—Married, in Washington, December 24, MISS KITTIE BURKE and MR. JOHN CARTER PAGE.

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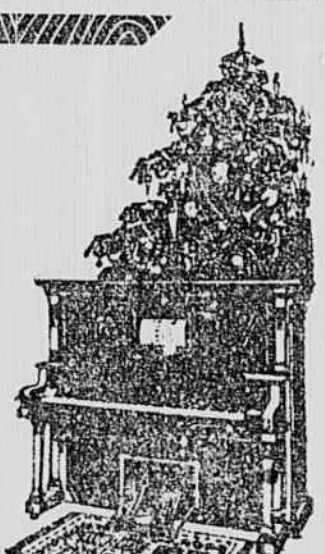
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